



Paying homage

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Oct. 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 creating National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Since then, the week containing May 15 has marked National Police Week, when law enforcement agencies across the nation honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Law enforcement agencies around America hold events from memorial services to open houses, and use the week as a time to strengthen or renew the bonds between the community and law enforcement, said Jerry Osban, 509th Security Forces Squadron resource protection program manager.

Lt. Col. Chuck Douglass, 509th Security Forces Squadron commander, added to Mr. Osban's comments by saying "This is an important time each year for us to reflect on the policemen and women who have sacrificed their lives over the past year protecting people around the country. I am particularly proud of the great troops we have who proudly protect Team Whiteman 24 hours a day, year round."

On Monday, the 509th SFS were at all gates passing out blue ribbons, which are a symbol of support for law enforcement.

Security forces members also attended a Sedalia memorial service with local law

National Police Week events

■ **Today at 8:30 a.m. McGruff the crime dog will visit Whiteman Elementary to read a story to the kids, and inform them about his web page.**

■ **Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., the 509th SFS, along with McGruff, will be at the base exchange handing out pamphlets, talking to the public about crime prevention and child I.D. for parents who want to fingerprint their kids. There will also be a vehicle and weapons display at the base exchange, as well as two K-9 demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.**

officials, where the names of fallen state and local civilians, and fallen security forces members were read during the service.

Everyone is invited to attend today's and Saturday's events to see the equipment used by the 509th SFS.

For more information on crime prevention, you can contact Mr. Jerry Osban at 687-4482 or e-mail jerry.osban@whiteman.af.mil.



Senior Airman Justin Ayres, 509th Security Forces Squadron, guards a B-2 during a Spirit tour on the flight line May 12. 509th SFS members will be participating in National Police Week events today and Saturday.

Deployed B-2s participate in Polar Lightning

By Tech. Sgt. Mikal Canfield

Kenney Headquarters Public Affairs (Deployed)

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – Deployed aircrew members flying B-2 Spirit bombers recently completed a sortie designed to test the Airmen's ability to execute a long-duration mission within a few days of deploying to a forward operating base.

The mission – called Polar Lightning – proved the aircraft, aircrew members and support personnel are all prepared to provide a credible deterrent in the Pacific region.

"The purpose of a Polar Lightning exercise is two-fold," said Lt. Col. William Eldridge, 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron director of operations. "First, it demonstrates our ability to provide precision airpower anywhere in the Pacific theater on short notice. Second, exercises like Polar Lightning provide valuable long-duration training for B-2 pilots. Historically, B-2 combat sorties average 30 hours. Long-duration sortie training allows our pilots to experience a typical combat sortie."

The two-ship formation required the pilots to complete their sortie at a training range approximately 4,500 nautical miles away in Alaska, resulting in a 9,800 nautical-mile round trip lasting 24 hours.

"The B-2 pilots worked with a forward air controller to both aid in clearing the target as well as score the live

weapons used," said Maj. Mark Pye, 36th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron B-2 mission planning cell chief. The aircraft dropped 13 MK 82 bombs, all of which hit their intended targets.

The mission was originally scheduled for later in the deployment, but was moved up to demonstrate the ability to execute the mission a short amount of time after arriving at a deployed location. According to Colonel Eldridge, everybody was well prepared and the mission was a huge success.

"Despite the time crunch, our maintainers provided us perfect aircraft, both mechanically and stealth capable," he added. "Our mission planning cell scheduled tanker support and coordinated our bombing range procedures. They also provided mission flight-following and kept Kenney Headquarters informed of our progress."

"Also, communications Airmen deployed here prepared a secure satellite communications plan that allowed us to receive mission updates during our entire sortie," Colonel Eldridge said.

These mission updates included both complete new routing and target changes simulating a dynamic battlefield capable of changing by the hour.

Some of the critical flight preparation was in areas people wouldn't typically think, such as the food the pilots eat before being required to fly for long periods of time.

"Our flight surgeon developed a rest plan and worked

with the Andersen dining facility to prepare high-protein meals," said the colonel. "Believe it or not, the type of food you eat on these missions makes a big difference."

The mission wasn't without its challenges. During the sortie, an issue came up with the flight's aerial refueling support.

"During the mission, one of our critical air refuelings cancelled after we were airborne and too far into the mission to turn around," he said. "The Alaska National Guard scrambled two of its tankers to refuel us south of Alaska. The dedication and can-do attitude of those tanker crews saved our mission."

Although flying long-duration missions is a requirement for all B-2 pilots, who typically fly at least one long-duration mission every six months, Polar Lightning provided some valuable training and new opportunities for the aircrew and support personnel involved.

"Deploying to the Pacific allows us to uniquely sharpen our deploy-employ skills, our long-range communications skills, and our bombing skills," said Colonel Eldridge.

The B-2 aircraft, aircrew members and support personnel – from the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo. – are part of the continuing rotational bomber presence to provide the U.S. Pacific commander a continuous bomber presence in the Asia-Pacific region. The B-2s are scheduled to remain at Andersen AFB through early September.



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Air Force Quiz

What are the eight different types of leave. (see answer below)

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Air Force Quiz answer

Armed Forces Day

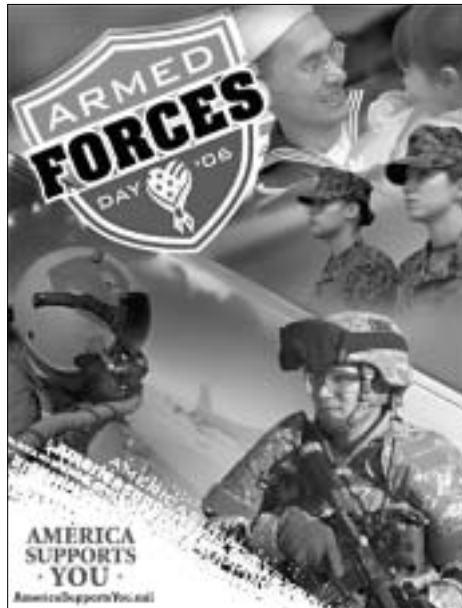
By Col. Greg Biscone
509th Bomb Wing commander

Saturday we will celebrate Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

In a speech announcing the formation of Armed Forces Day, President Truman praised the work of the military at home and across the seas and said that the military is "vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace."

The work you do every day gives us the ability to enjoy the freedoms we know as Americans. At the same time, we're giving others around the world an opportunity to do the same. Thank you for your patriotism and sacrifice.

This weekend in Sedalia we'll also remember what happened to America on Sunday morning – December 7, 1941 when Lieutenant George A. Whiteman made the supreme sacrifice. He died during a heroic attempt to take off in a P-40 pursuit plane and fight enemy aircraft staging a surprise attack against American



naval and air bases in Hawaii.

For his valiant efforts, the young Pettis County, Missouri, native was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, our Nation's second highest award.

As we remember the past sacrifices, we also remember our Airmen who are sacrificing for America today.

We currently have more than 600

Mission's End strengthens team

By Maj. Danielle Taylor
509th Services Squadron commander

Once upon a time, not so long ago, the club was one of the most used facilities on an Air Force base.

Every military event, including commander's calls, promotion ceremonies and changes-of-commands were held in the club.

It was a place for people to gather and celebrate some of our richest traditions, to revel in the heritage built by those who served before us. The number of club members has declined over the years, and many clubs have consolidated, but the benefits of being a member have not changed.

Being a member is an important part of military tradition. Club membership provides both tangible and intangible benefits.

The tangible benefits of being a club member include being able to take part in great programs such as 30 cent tacos on Tuesdays, 10 cent wings on Wednesdays, \$6 pizzas on Thursdays and happy hour snacks on Fridays.

Only club members can participate in events such as special brunches, football frenzy and texas hold'em tournaments.

In addition club members receive a 25 percent discount on food prices to include special functions and lunch buffets. Club members also receive \$5 in club coupons and additional coupons for other services facilities every month.

On top of all that, if you show your club card to certain businesses in the local area you can get discounts. For instance, in Branson, Mo., some businesses will give you 10 percent off on their prices.

While the tangible benefits are important; I believe the intangible benefits are irreplaceable. The intangible benefits I'm referring to are camaraderie and esprit de corps, which are products of an active club.

Air Force clubs make official events like retirements and pin-on ceremonies special. Clubs support our community and our mission.

In addition, networking is an intangible benefit of an active club membership. When things need to get done, the details are often worked out after duty hours at the club.

When you're an active club member you have an opportunity to talk candidly with subordinates, peers, supervisors or wing leadership about issues, which are often unrelated to your job.

You have an opportunity to meet other Airmen you may not come into contact with through your job; people that you can reach out and tap when you're working an issue that involves another squadron and you don't know where to start.

So whether you're unwinding after a tough week at work; celebrating a friend's promotion; or mingling with fellow Airmen and senior leadership, networks, camaraderie and esprit de corps are developing.

Your membership will help us retain our Air Force traditions, foster our culture and support our mission.

We are committed to carrying on the club tradition, making your membership worthwhile and providing a service that exceeds your expectations. If that's not your experience, I personally want to know.

Give us an opportunity to provide a great club experience for you.

Airmen from Whiteman deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Pacific region.

Our men and women in uniform reflect all that is good and noble about America and its people – their decency, kindness, strength and goodwill. Our nation's future is in your very capable hands.

Commander's note: Squadron Day

In the 509th Bomb Wing, each month we'll identify one day for squadron use. We'll call it a "Squadron Day." Instead of wondering about UTE days and not knowing how to plan for them, we'll push the decision on how we'll use the day to squadron commanders. It's a day when squadrons won't need to integrate their plans with the rest of the wing.

If the wing meets its monthly flying hour goal and earns a day off, squadron commanders are empowered to use that day as they see fit.

If you work in an area that conducts 24/7 operations, or has other commitments that prevent your unit from standing down for a UTE day, a "Squadron Day" will provide a way for commanders to relieve pressure and offer the maximum down time.

This should help give greater predictability to your schedules.

9er Line Response

Question: I'm concerned about the dam that was built near the new track. I recently saw a Bobcat construction vehicle get stuck.

If the Bobcat couldn't make it up the steep sides or get traction in the mud, a child couldn't. I've seen kids playing around that area numerous times.

I wonder how many times the base police have had to tell children to stop playing over there? I think some sort of safety precaution must be taken before someone gets hurt.

Response: I agree and, thanks to your question, we're taking measures to prevent an accident.

As you've noticed, the banks toward the northwest end of the creek are extremely steep. We have a project scheduled to begin shortly that will smooth out those banks to prevent further erosion. This will make the area safer and more scenic.

In the meantime, our civil engineers have cut and removed low hanging vines from the trees in that area and a sign will soon be posted by the dam indicating the area is a "no play or swim area."

To date, our Security Forces troops have not observed any children playing in this area of concern, but they will respond appropriately should they see children playing around the creek or dam.

I encourage parents to be cautious when their children go outside, and warn them of these areas that they shouldn't be near.

If anyone sees children playing in this area, please call the Law Enforcement desk at 687-3700 so they can give us an assist.

Thanks for your question; continue to help us through your observations and comments in making Whiteman as safe as possible for our base community.

Newsline

Free video gift for deployed spouses

Parents with deployed spouses will have the opportunity to send a free CD/DVD slideshow of their children to their spouse bringing some kind of a Mother's and Father's Day to those who are deployed overseas.

Today and Saturday, A+Photo Solutions will be doing 30-minute sessions at the base exchange. Children can bring their favorite things and have their images captured in action.

This is absolutely free for all families with deployed parents. Appointments need to be made for this event so the children don't have to wait in line. Please call 909-8030 or go to their Website at www.picsdotcom.com for an appointment.

Free Kansas City Wizards soccer tickets

The 509th Bomb Wing public affairs office will be giving out free soccer tickets for a 7:30 p.m. game against D.C. United May 27 at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Members of Team Whiteman can pick up four tickets each starting 9 a.m. Monday. These tickets are on a first come, first served basis. For more details, call public affairs at 687-6123.

Blood Drive set

The Red Cross will have a blood drive Wednesday and Thursday at the Community Activity Center from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The event, which is sponsored by the Whiteman Officers' Spouse's Club, will have Papa John's Pizza and other refreshments provided, along with a free t-shirt to all donors.

For more information or to book a "Fast Pass" appointment, go to www.givelife.org and use sponsor code "WhitemanAFB", or e-mail Jennifer Belardo at mikeandjenbelardo@yahoo.com.

Force shaping and GI Bill eligibility

Officers who acquired commissions using ROTC scholarships, Air Force Academy graduates, as well as those who originally declined the Montgomery GI Bill may enroll when involuntarily separated under force shaping. Those who voluntarily separate are not eligible.

To determine your eligibility or for more information, call base training and education services at 687-5750.

2006 Air Force Community Assessment

The 2006 Air Force Community Assessment started this month. The assessment gathers the thoughts and perceptions of those living and working at Whiteman.

If you are randomly selected to participate in the survey, you are encouraged to take the time to complete it.

The results will be used by Air Force leadership to improve services and meet the needs of servicemembers and their families.

Cell phone reminder

Base members are reminded the 509th Security Forces Squadron is enforcing the new Department of Defense policy on restricting cell phone use while operating all vehicles on military installations and for government owned vehicles both on and off installations.

The 509th SFS will enforce this policy in two phases. The first phase will be a 60-day education period where offenders may be stopped for violating the new policy but will only receive a verbal warning, not a traffic citation.

Once the 60-day education period is complete, violators will be cited for a moving traffic violation much like speeding or running a stop sign.

Once traffic citations are issued, an offense will result in three traffic points being assessed against a driver's on-base driving record.

For more information about this new policy, contact the NCO in charge of police services, Tech. Sgt. Richard Coats at 687-4254.

442nd warriors ensuring smooth arrival at Bagram Airfield

By Maj. David Kurle

455 Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan—As members of the 442nd Fighter Wing's advance team settle in at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, they are ensuring a smooth transition for the main body of Citizen Airmen deploying here from Whiteman Air Force Base.

The first six reservists from the 442nd, which is deployed with aircraft maintainers and pilots to conduct air-to-ground missions using A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft, arrived here May 6. A 442nd FW public affairs officer arrived May 7.

The base here is located in a valley in central Afghanistan surrounded by 20,000-foot mountains, which still have last winter's snow on them.

But members of the 442nd are not letting the somewhat idyllic scenery mask the importance of their mission.

"I think the maintenance mission is very important," said Lt. Col. Alan Priest, deployed from the 442nd, he is the aircraft maintenance unit officer in charge for the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group here. "The other day we bombed some bad guys and that tends to get our maintenance people pumped up, especially when an airplane comes back empty."

Bagram Airfield is run by the Army, which conducts daily missions on the ground throughout Afghanistan. One of the reservists' missions will be to provide close air support and eyes in the sky

for the Army Soldiers on the ground. Despite the relative security of the airfield, 442nd reservists know they are still in a combat zone and to expect the unexpected.

"I think, generally, everyone feels secure at this location," Colonel Priest said. "But you can't become complacent, I think most people realize that."

The conditions here tend to run on the dry side, dirt, dust and gravel are a way of life. Deployed Airmen sleep in B-huts, six- to seven-person dormitories made from plywood. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service runs a PX, Burger King, barber shops and other amenities and is also in charge of the dining facilities.

"It's great, absolutely wonderful, to come to an AEF location and find several dining facilities and even BX's," said Chief Master Sgt. Steve Brazeal, the AMU chief for the 455th EMXG here.

"The dining facilities actually serve pretty good food," said Senior Master Sgt. Marian Simmons, a munitions production supervisor with the 455th EMXG. "I don't see anyone over here losing a tremendous amount of weight."

The current state of Bagram Airfield is vastly improved over the first time the 442nd deployed here in 2002 when maintenance operations were conducted out of two tents, according to Chief Brazeal.

"We've got actual buildings to work out of," Chief Brazeal said. "In my

opinion, it's a huge improvement over the past few years in that we have a full-up facility to work out of."

As for flying operations, the A-10s fly daily missions in support of military operations throughout the country. Colonel Stephen Chappel, a deployed A-10 pilot from the 442nd, now flying for the 355th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron has already flown sorties over Afghanistan and expects flying operations to remain busy throughout the deployment.

"The majority of the sorties are in support of Army ground operations," Colonel Chappel said. "It's a mixture of close air support, reconnaissance, and pre-planned operations."

The importance of deploying to Bagram Airfield and the reminder that this is still a combat zone hit home for Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen here when almost the entire base lined up on the airfield, May 8, to pay tribute to six fallen soldiers who were taking a last flight to the United States.

"The fallen comrade ceremony on the 8th was a horrific reminder that the U.S. and its allies are under attack every day while deployed in support of these contingency operations, and that security should never be taken for granted," Colonel Chappel said.

"We are aware of why we are here," Sergeant Simmons said. "We are here to keep the people responsible for why we're here from ever attacking our country again."

New service dress prototypes peak interest

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Based on feedback received during visits with Airmen across the Air Force, the Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several notional concepts that Airmen have suggested regarding the appearance of the service dress uniform.

Some of the informal feedback about the current service dress includes Airmen wanting to revamp the service dress to look more military, like the other services.

One senior airman said, "the current uniform resembles a cheesy business suit." Another staff sergeant said, "think world's most dominating air power, not CEO," and another described it as a "cheap leisure suit."

Other comments have suggested that the uniform needs to reflect the Air Force's history more. On an Internet message board an Airman recently wrote, "I want to look good and be proud of my AF heritage." Another Airman wrote that the dress uniform pales in comparison to any of the other services. "We need something that distin-

guishes us as proud members of the U.S. military."

The Air Force began exploring these ideas by producing several prototypes that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years.

A more formal survey soon will provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments.

"We've been getting informal feedback on our current service dress uniform for several years, and what we consistently have heard from many Airmen is a desire for a more 'military,' and less 'corporate' look and feel, something more reflective of the Air Force's heritage, and its role as a professional military organization," said Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice, director of Airman development and sustainment, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"The Uniform Board has come up with some options to explore these concepts and the initial prototypes are direct descendants of our heritage, rooted in Hap Arnold and Billy Mitchell's Air Force," General Allardice said.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez

LEFT: Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice and Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos show off prototypes of the Hap Arnold heritage coat at the Pentagon Monday.

RIGHT: General Allardice and Sergeant Athnos show off prototypes of the Billy Mitchell heritage coat. General Allardice is director of Airman development and sustainment and Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force uniform board.

The survey will provide a more formal opportunity to collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes they have about the prototypes.

"We believe we need to respond to the force and the constant flow of feedback we receive on the service dress is driving this initiative. We see this as an opportunity to do so, along with a chance to reflect on our rich history, as well as the image we wish to portray in uniform," said

General Allardice. "We want to make sure our uniforms, all combinations, meet our current and future needs."

This process will use the standard Air Force Uniform Board process and as with the Airman's Battle Uniform, Airmen are encouraged to take the opportunity to directly contribute to how their new service uniform might look.

The Air Force will present options based on feedback received on possible service dress designs through the uniform board process.

Star finale



Photo by Senior Airman Ryan Wilson

Tech Sgt. Doug Adams, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received a Bronze Star medal from Col. Connie Davis, 509th Mission Support Group commander, during his retirement ceremony May 12. Sergeant Adams earned the Bronze Star for exceptional meritorious service as a member of the Multinational Corps Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As team chief of a four-person team assigned to a forward operating location, Sergeant Adams was in charge of logistics support and coordinating missions with the Army tactical operations center. Sergeant Adams' performance and dedication to duty were instrumental in creating a safe and secure environment for coalition forces and the Iraqi people.

Summer safety campaigns KICK OFF

It's that time of year again and you know what that means – summer safety campaigns.

Whiteman has already entered the 8th Air Force 180-Day Safety Campaign period, which runs from April 1 - Sept. 30.

This campaign was brought about by lengthening the traditional "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign. The Air Force wide 101 campaign begins Memorial Day weekend and runs until Labor Day weekend.

By now you're probably asking yourself why are there such campaigns?

The short answer is this is the time period where there is an increase in off-duty mishaps ranging from fatalities to lost duty time. During last year's 101 campaign the Air Force lost 29 Airmen to mishaps, Air Combat Command lost six and most, if not all, were preventable.

Summer after summer, too many of our fellow Air Force members fail to assess the risks and weigh the consequences of their actions. They pay the ultimate price – with their life.

Some choose not to wear a helmet, some choose not to wear their seatbelts, some drive too fast for the road conditions, and some choose to swim in unsafe waters.

People die because they choose to ignore warning signs or rules, or choose

to take shortcuts.

To help keep safety at the forefront, Monday has been designated as a wing-wide safety day.

Units will be taking time out of the day to discuss a variety of safety subjects.

Topics covered will include traffic safety, drinking and driving, seat belt use and risk management just to name a few.

The wing safety office has sent out, and will continue to send out this summer, several tools to assist with your individual efforts.

These include 8th AF 180-day "It's on You" posters, "First Thought of the Week" slides, and mishap prevention briefs. Additional information can be found on the 509 Bomb Wing safety web site.

As we enter the 101 Critical Days of Summer, take a short time-out and think about your safety and the safety of others.

Whether you're at home, at the lake, or at work, be alert to your surroundings and make smart decisions to reduce or eliminate risks.

Ask yourself, "If I take the risk, can I live with the consequences?" Don't become a statistic.

The choice is yours ... so make it a safe one! *(Courtesy of the 509th Bomb Wing safety office)*

Meeting needs of employees with disabilities

By Mark Mendes

Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist

Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires an employer to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities who are employees or applicants for employment, except when such accommodation would cause an undue hardship and/or the impact of the accommodation will adversely affect the operations of Whiteman Air Force Base.

An individual with a disability is one who:

- has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working)

- has a record of such an impairment

- or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The concept of reasonable accommodation applies to all aspects of employment on Whiteman, including recruiting, work station and scheduling, training, promotion, reassignment and developmental assignments.

A qualified individual with a disability is one who satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education, and other job-related requirements of the employment position and who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential

functions of the position. Essential functions are tasks that are fundamental, not marginal.

Commanders, supervisors or hiring officials on Whiteman shall not discriminate against a qualified individual with a disability with regard to application procedures, hiring, promotion, or discharge of employees, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

If an individual meets all job prerequisites except those that she or he cannot meet because of a disability, the employer must show that the requirement that screened out this person is "job-related and consistent with business necessity," including that no reasonable accommodation would enable the individual to meet the requirement or perform the essential functions of the job.

Selection criteria related to marginal functions that exclude an individual with a disability because of disability are not consistent with business necessity.

Reasonable accommodations must be provided to qualified employees regardless of whether they work part-time or full-time, or are considered "probationary."

The individual with a disability must inform the employer that an accommodation is needed. It can be done orally or in writing.

Requests from employees should be made to the employee's supervisor or a

manager in the employee's chain of command or to other appropriate individuals designated to participate in or oversee the reasonable accommodation process.

The 509th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight provides necessary support and assistance to commanders, supervisors and managers in addressing reasonable accommodation requests for Whiteman employees.

Processing of all requests for reasonable accommodation should begin immediately regardless of whether written confirmation has been provided by the employee. The request does not have to use special words, such as "reasonable accommodation," "disability," or "Rehabilitation Act."

Someone designated by the requester to act on their behalf may also present the request. Immediate supervisors will receive, process and approve all requests within their area of delegated responsibility expeditiously.

Requests beyond their approval authority will be immediately forwarded to the appropriate decision-making level as soon as possible but in no more than five workdays unless extenuating circumstances exist.

Requests cannot be delayed due to the leave, temporary duty assignment, or other absence or obligation of anyone involved in the process chain. Collective bargaining obligations must be honored where appropriate in implementing proce-

dures for reasonable accommodation.

Commanders and supervisors on Whiteman are required to make sure their workers are familiar with federal and Department of Defense specific policies and procedures related to the availability of reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.

Commanders and supervisors should fully utilize the assistance technologies and services of the DoD, Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program for employment and development, available at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/cap>.

This program provides assistance to DoD and other federal agencies at no cost to the requesting agency. Whiteman agencies should be aware that starting October 1, micro-purchases will be required to conform with section 508 Of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 508 requires that when Federal departments or agencies develop, procure, maintain, or use Electronic and Information Technology, they must ensure that E/IT allows federal employees with disabilities to have access to and use of information and data by other federal employees.

Of utmost concern is the timely and expeditious processing of requests and providing of approved reasonable accommodation. The information outlined was derived from guidance found in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission web site www.eeoc.gov.

Celebrating Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

By Master Sgt. Pedro Villanueva, Jr.
509th Maintenance Group

May is Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage month. There are more than 13.5 million Asian-Pacific Islanders in the United States, with more than 300,000 serving in the Armed Forces.

Why are we celebrating this heritage in May? The idea was first introduced as a bill by Representatives Frank Horton and Norman Mineta to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage week. President Carter signed the bill Oct. 5, 1978 designating it as an annual event. On May 7, 1990, President George Bush, Sr., further enhanced it by dedicating the entire month of May.

Reflecting on the history of the Asian-Pacific Islanders' migration to the United

States, the first wave of Asian-Pacific Islanders was during the Burlingame Treaty of 1868, when the Chinese were allowed to immigrate to help build the transcontinental railway. In 1869, tea and silk production in Hawaii and California encouraged Japanese to migrate to America.

After the Spanish-American War, Filipinos were allowed to migrate freely into the United States, the Philippines being a U.S. territory. After World War II, the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952 eliminated race as a barrier to immigrate to the United States and the Immigration Act of 1965 ended national quotas, thus facilitating Asian immigration.

Finally, after the Vietnam War, more than 130,000 refugees were fleeing to the United States from the Communists governments of

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

There are many languages and dialects that Asian-Pacific Islanders have, but the exact number of dialects being used in America is unclear. Chinese is the second most widely used non-English language in America, following Spanish. Also in the top ten are Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean.

You may not know it, but a lot of American English was derived from Asian backgrounds. Examples include words such as: tea (Chinese), futon (Japanese) and ketchup (Malay/Tagalog). Many of these borrowed words no longer seem foreign as we use them in our every day English language.

There are also many famous Asian-Pacific Islanders that have influenced our lives such as Tiger Woods, Ann Curry, Rob Schneider and Bruce Lee. The great thing

about this is that we don't see them as Asian-Pacific Islander Americans, but just as Americans.

Asian-Pacific Islanders carry a lot of strong family values. For example, our children leave the home only if they are ready to go. And we also take care of our parents when they become older. We are very proud of our heritage, and those that are U.S. citizens are happy to have the opportunities that America offers. That is why I joined the Air Force; I wanted to serve my country.

Americans come from all walks of life. Whether it's Germany or China, Italy or Japan, England or Vietnam, we are one big melting pot of cultures and diversities.

I shouldn't have to say: I'm Filipino-American, or Chinese-American, or German-American, but just American.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Photo by Maj. Joe DellaVedova

Staff Sgt. Melanie Duncan

Staff Sgt. Melanie Duncan, 13th Bomb Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award May 8 from Col. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

Lt. Col. James Dawkins, 13th BS director of operations, nominated Sergeant Duncan for the award.

"Sergeant Duncan hit the ground running the day she arrived in the squadron," Colonel Dawkins said. "As NCO in charge of the aviation resource management systems office, a job normally held by a Tech. Sgt, she is responsible for tracking all flying and ground training currencies for 40 pilots all while being manned at 50 percent of authorized strength."

Sergeant Duncan is the last critical link in the chain for ensuring that pilots are current and qualified to fly B-2 and T-38 missions. Using her experiences from past assignments she vastly improved many ARMS processes.

Before she took over as NCOIC, there was a 25 percent error rate on currency products, that the ARMS shop tracks, which has now been reduced to one percent due to her benchmarked processes now used throughout the Operations Group.

Sergeant Duncan also spearheaded the implementation of new data tracking sheets that pilots use to log currencies reducing her shops workload by 20 percent.

"Before Sergeant Duncan took over as NCOIC one month ago, the ARMS shop was a total mess," Colonel Dawkins said. "Currency tracking products were inaccurate and data entry was up to three weeks behind.

"Now that she's in charge, she has miraculously turned the shop around. I have the utmost confidence in her work, and it has reduced the workload of all 13th BS supervisors immensely," Colonel Dawkins said.

Time on Station: 10 months
Time in Service: Seven years and three months as an aviation resource management systems NCO in charge.

Hometown: Army brat (moved regularly)

Children: Tayler, 4-yr. old.

Hobbies: Spending time with my son and traveling.

Goals: To make Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force.

Best thing about Whiteman: The friendly atmosphere and, of course, the B-2.

Pet Peeves: Lack of motivation, loyalty and pride.

What motivates your winning spirit? The appreciation and hard work from fellow co-workers.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? The negative outlook that some Airmen have concerning the base and the Air Force.

SURVIVAL SPIRIT

Flight commander battles the odds, survives cancer

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Capt. Michell Long, 509th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics flight commander, unequivocally recalls the year she joined the military. The Iran Contra Affair, Black Monday and Baby Jessica McClure riveted the nation.

It was 1987, and she was about to make a decision that would enrich her life.

The Philadelphia native was preparing for her senior year at North Carolina State University when she realized she wasn't reaching her full potential.

Broke and unhappy, she firmly believed that everything happened to her for a reason. Even if things went bad, the prior-enlisted air traffic controller said she trusted the Lord.

The Airman loved her job and felt it was the best she could get. Then, during her first year in the Air Force, she was diagnosed with chondrosarcoma, a rare cancer of the cartilage that affects different parts of the body, and her whole world paused in mid-motion.

"There are no other feelings like the feel-

ings you get when you are told you have cancer," Captain Long said. "Fear overwhelms you and you think of all the horrible possibilities. Positive thoughts and feelings don't cross your mind until you calm down.

"It was contained to my right femur. The doctors said we would watch the cancer, continue to do tests and if it ever showed signs of spreading, they would take my leg," she said.

In 1996, while at work, she experienced an excruciating pain that she had never felt before. Tests revealed her cancer had doubled in size.

She was sent to Wilford Hall at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, for further

evaluation.

"The doctor I saw was one of 10 surgeons in the world who could perform a surgery that would replace my femur with one from a cadaver who had donated his organs and tissue," Captain Long said. "Because of the generosity of a stranger donating his organs and tissue, I was able to keep my leg."

The eight-hour surgery led to a month-long recovery at the hospital, but she said it was worth it. Her friends and co-workers were supportive throughout the operation and recovery.

"She is a very strong and admirable woman who would never consider her battle a test she couldn't survive," said Staff Sgt. Yaneth Alvarez, 509th MDSS.

Sergeant Alvarez said Captain Long is the epitome of a survivor and giver who inspires others by her desire to live and lead by example.

It was that support that later led Captain Long to become an organ donor. She donated one of her kidneys to a stranger, so her brother, who had been on dialysis for three years, was able to move up the waiting list and receive a match for a kidney.

"It was the best thing I have ever done, and I don't miss it," she said. "I think the reason the Lord gives us two kidneys is just in case we need to give one away."

Her philosophy is to enjoy each day and leave work at the gate. She also looks forward to one day marrying and having children.

"She dreams about opening a home to take care of children," Sergeant Alvarez said. "She is constantly dreaming bigger dreams, though not for herself, but for others."

Captain Long said she regrets one thing prior to her surgery. Before she left for Wilford Hall, she wasn't completely honest with her mother or three brothers about her

whereabouts. She only told them she was going on temporary duty.

"I didn't tell them because I didn't want to worry them," she said. "When I walked in my house a month later on a walker, my mom was shocked. I will never do that again. To this day, if I say I am going TDY she thinks I am going to have more surgery."

In 1987 Captain Long made a decision to join the Air Force, which today, she is convinced has helped save her leg. Nineteen years after her diagnosis, she endures, she survives and still believes everything happens for a reason.



Capt. Michell Long, 509th Medical Support Squadron



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett



Photo by 1st Lt. Mary Olsen

Touring Whiteman

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs offers several ways to see base

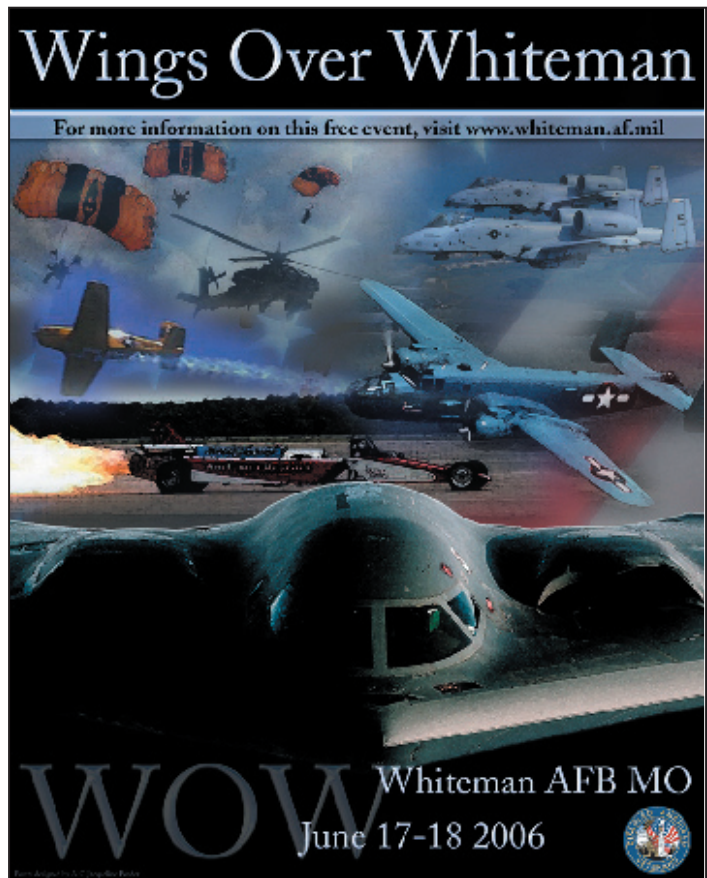
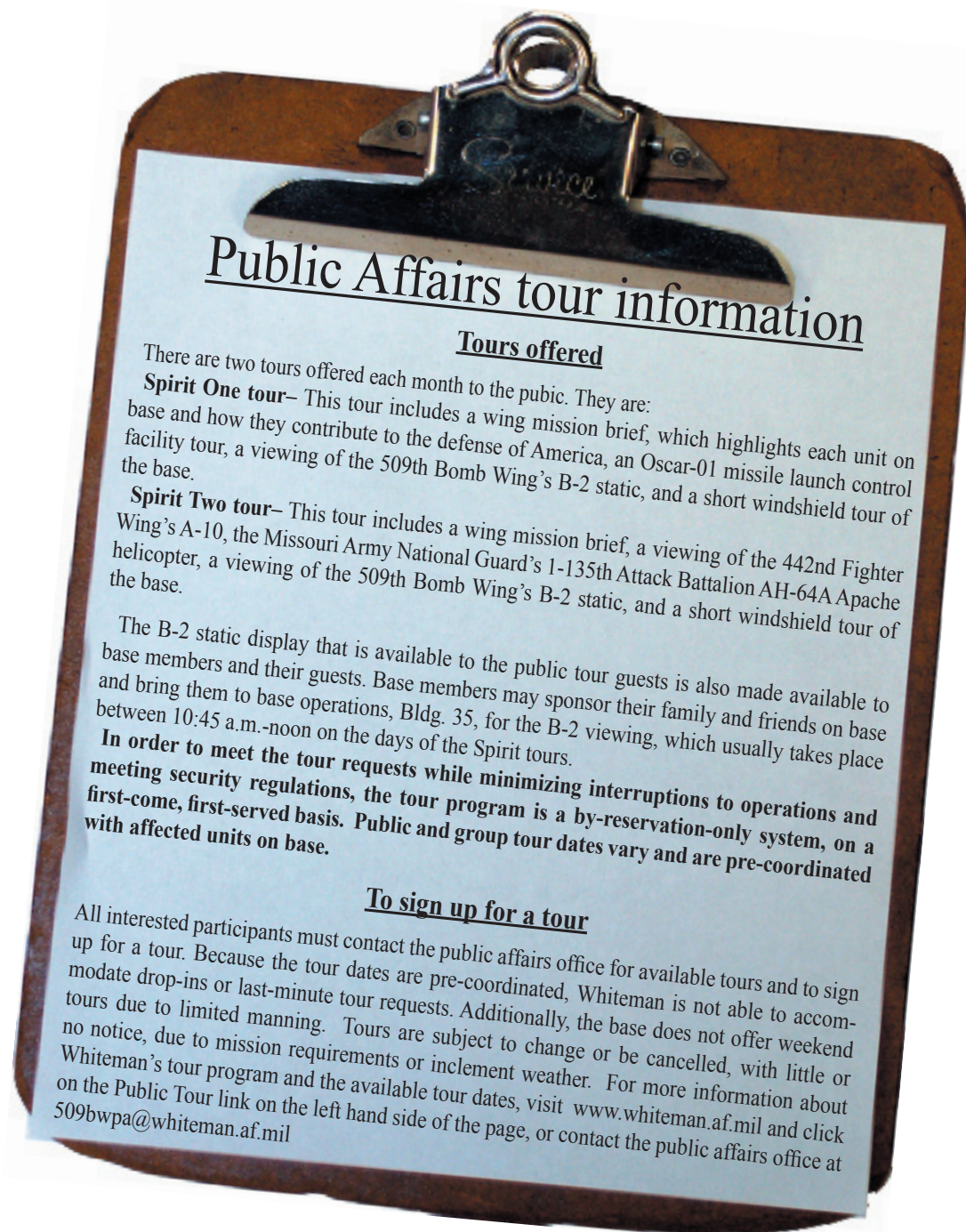
ABOVE: Senior Airman Travis Hughes, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, explains the B-2 to civilian tour participants during a Spirit Tour May 12. During Spirit tours, participants are not allowed to pass the ropes encircling the B-2. Tour participants are allowed to walk around the aircraft. Cameras are allowed during tours; however, when taking photos of the B-2, only photos of the front and side of the aircraft are allowed. Participants cannot take their camera past the wing tips of the jet and must place their cameras in a storage box prior to walking to the rear of the B-2.

LEFT: Tour participants look at historical items at the Oscar-01 missile launch control facility. Oscar-01 was an active missile launch control facility form 1964-1993, and served as command center for 10 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. Oscar was one of 15 such facilities that were spread out across west central Missouri. Oscar stood out, however, as it was the only such operational site actually located on a base. Today, the site is a tribute to all Air Force members who pulled alert duty and kept the system operational during the Cold War. As such, Oscar is open for tours. People who have base access can call 687-6560 to schedule a separate tour of just Oscar-01.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Tour participants view the A-10 Thunderbolt II during a Spirit Tour at Whiteman. The 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office offers two free public tours monthly; the Spirit One tour and the Spirit Two tour. The public tour season begins in March and lasts until October. Each tour is conducted on a Friday and lasts about three hours. Cameras are allowed and encouraged during the tour. These tours are geared toward members of the general public and each tour accommodates 40 people. Guests must adhere to safety regulations while on Whiteman Air Force Base. Guests may not wear hats, or bring cell phones or other transmitting devices on to the flight line area. Guests who require special or physical accommodations must inform the Public Affairs staff when requesting a tour.



The 2006 Wings Over Whiteman Air Show will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 17-18. This event is free and open to the public. This will be a great opportunity for the public to see Whiteman and several different military and civilian aircraft including the B-2, A-10, B-52, B-1, the Army Golden Knights parachute team, the Lima Lima T-34 aerobatics team and many more. For more information about the WOW air show, visit www.whiteman.af.mil and click on the "2006 Air Show" link on the left side of the page.

Team Whiteman Community

Car Wash to be rescheduled

The car wash scheduled today from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the base exchange parking lot to support the 2006 Senior NCO Induction Banquet has been canceled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

Volunteer opportunity

The Red Cross is in need of volunteers for their upcoming blood drive 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, from. The main job of volunteers will be to recruit donors outside the following sites: base exchange, commissary, clinic, fitness center and bowling alley.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Ms. Emily Bach at (573) 489-2450 or bachea@usa.redcross.org.

Vacation Bible School

The base chapel is getting ready to trek on an Arctic Adventure, which is the theme to this year's vacation bible school June 5 - 9.

Each day, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., there will be bus service provided through base housing as children ages

4 years-old through 6th grade, take an Arctic Adventure to learn more about God. Registration forms for kids and volunteers can be e-mailed or picked up at the chapel.

T-shirts with iron transfers will be available for \$5, and all monies should be turned in to the chapel before June 1.

For more information call Larri Smith at 687-3652 or email at larri.smith@whiteman.af.mil.

Author to visits Whiteman

Patti O'Donoghue, author of "The Stanhope Trilogy, Book One – Celia," a story about a 13-year old who watches the crash of a small aircraft carrying her parents, is scheduled as a concessionaire for a book signing from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the BX Saturday.

There will be several autographed copies of the book, which was released April 24. Mrs. O'Donoghue, who is a mother of five children, has had her work published in many newspapers and magazines across the nation.

Education

Call the base education center at 687-5750 for more details on these events.

PME course clarification

The senior noncommissioned officer professional military education course 14, was launched in March.

This course does not replace course 12 nor is it an additional level of enlisted professional military education. The only difference is course 14 is a web-based course.

Registration in course 14 depends solely on current and future internet availability. Students are not permitted to switch between courses.

Tests are electronically administered through the education center for both tests. for more information please contact the base training and education office at 687-5750.

ACT testing set

The Base Education and Training Flight will offer the American College Testing assessment on June 16 at 7:30 a.m.

To sign up please e-mail the test examiner at ron.johnson@whiteman.af.mil.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities.

WIC representative to visit base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental

food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move stateside in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. Permanent Change of Station orders are not necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Special at Airman's attic

The Airman's Attic will have an All Ranks Day Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Everything is free.

Air Force Cross heroes

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

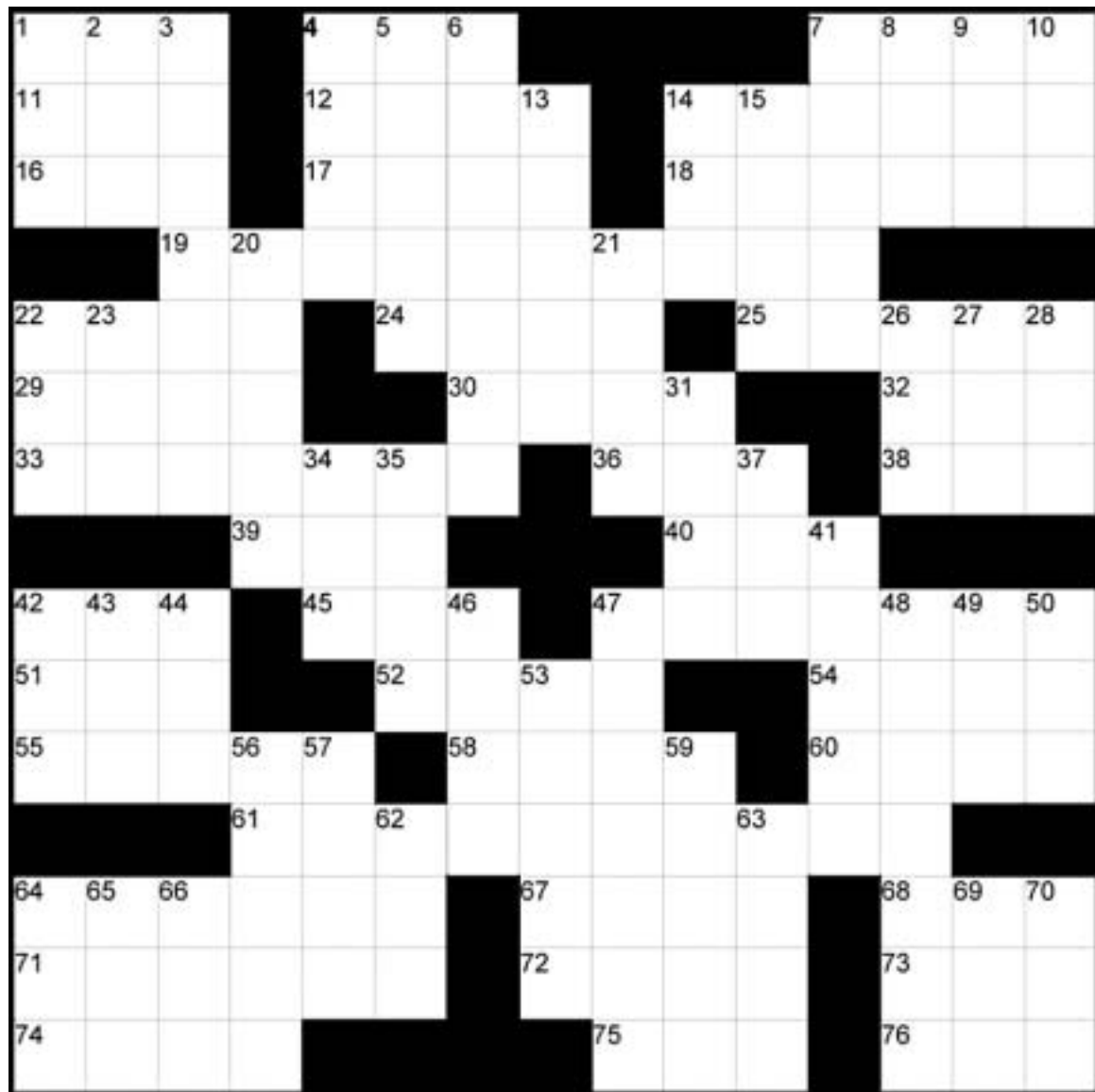
Across

1. Afternoon beverage in London
4. Mil. lawyer
7. Air Force Cross recipient Lt Col Allan R. ____ (Vietnam)
11. Sphere
12. Warsaw ____, NATO antagonist until 1991
14. Mention
16. USN equivalent to AFB
17. Car
18. Spring or winter
19. Air Force Cross recipient SrA Jason D. ____ (OEF)
22. American ____
24. Roman garb
25. Air Force Cross recipient Maj Dean E. ____ (Vietnam)
29. Bombast
30. USA Medal of Honor recipient PFC David P. ____ (Vietnam)
32. Commotion
33. Air Force Cross recipient Capt William ____ (Gulf War)
36. Took cover
38. Air Force Cross recipient Col George E. ____ (Vietnam)
39. 2005 movie "____ We There Yet?"
40. African antelope

42. Policeman, informally
45. Yank's opponent
47. Air Force Cross recipient TSgt John ____ (OEF)
51. Op or deco
52. ____ Raton, Fla.
54. Heap
55. Air Force Cross recipient Maj Robert S. ____ (Vietnam)
58. Defy
60. Manuscript work
61. Air Force Cross recipient Lt Col Edwin L. ____ (Vietnam)
64. Panda's grub
67. Italian currency, once
68. ____ on; spur to action
71. Disconnected
72. Temper
73. Kwik-E-Mart owner
74. Celebrity
75. Shoe size
76. USN Medal of Honor recipient HC2 David R. ____ (Vietnam)

Down

1. Heavy weight
2. Epoch
3. Flee
4. Bridge
5. Short excursion
6. Maneuvers
7. Culpability
8. Down Under country, in short
9. Tokyo once
10. Stimp's pal
13. South Pacific island
14. Burn residue
15. Guide
20. Radical
21. Cut
22. A Gershwin
23. Hall of Fame QB Marino
26. 2004 movie "Win a Date with ____ Hamilton!"
27. Oklahoma town
28. Air Force Cross recipient Col ____ A. Knight, Jr. (Vietnam)
31. 1949 Academy Award-nominated best picture "Twelve O'Clock ____"
34. Mistake



35. Hall of Fame Coach Ewbank
37. C.S.I. clue
41. Topmost
42. Taxi
43. Mining goal
44. School org.
46. Air Force Cross recipient Col John R. ____ (Vietnam)
47. Gun

48. June, perhaps
49. Greatest boxer
50. Earn
53. Air Force Cross recipient Maj ____ B. Mitchell (Vietnam) and others
56. Work
57. British school
59. Creepy

62. Foot part
63. Evaluate
64. School transport
65. Picnic pest
66. Mil. Organization defending the US from ballistic missiles
69. Academic standard, in short
70. Air Force Cross recipient Col Theodore W. ____ (Vietnam)



May 5 answers



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Today
Steaknight at Royal Oaks
5-8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday,
enjoy great steaks and a great atmost-
phere.

Saturday
Katy Trail bike ride

Join outdoor recreation on the first of
their summer bike rides along the Katy
Trail. The ride takes place 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
and covers the 35 miles from Clinton to
Sedalia. The cost is \$7 per person, out-
door recreation will provide a free bike
and helmet if necessary. Call for details.

Mother's Day tea
Children aged 5-11 years old can treat
Mom to a special tea 1-2:30 p.m. at the
community center. Tea, sandwiches, cakes
and crafts will be provided for \$1 per per-
son.

Country night
Brush off your cowboy boots for a free
night of country music and dancing, 8
p.m.-Midnight at Mission's End.

Monday
Dentokan karate

Everyone older than 6-years can take
part in the twice weekly karate classes at
the community center. The class meets 4-
5 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday and
costs \$30 for members and \$40 for non-
members per month (eight sessions).

Tuesday
Y.E.S. meeting
The Youth Employment Skills program
allows teens to earn credit towards future
education while gaining valuable work
experience. A parent and teen meeting for
those interested in taking part this summer
will be held 6-8 p.m. at the teen center.

Summer ball league
Get out of the heat and meet new peo-
ple with the stars and strikes summer ball
league. Participants even recieve a brand
new Track or Columbia 300 bowling ball
just for taking part. The league bowls 7
p.m. Tuesdays throughout the summer and
the cost is \$14 per week per person.
Teams are three-person and Track repre-
sentatives will attend one of the weeks to
run an on-lane clinic for all members.

Wednesday
Framing class
Learn how to cut single and double
mat, join and assemble a frame. Bring a
5"x7" picture along to frame. The class
takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m. at arts and
crafts and costs \$25 plus supplies.

Teen center arts and crafts
From oil painting to card making teens
can get creative 5-7 p.m. every wednes-

SERVICES

Local artist's work displayed by Air Force

Submitted by 509th SVS marketing



Mr. Seelinger's stained glass panel.

Retired
Master
Sergeant
Gerald (Jerry)
Seelinger,
currently a
Technology
Specialist for
the 509th
Medical
Group, is now

a published artist.

Mr. Seelinger submitted a stained glass
panel he accomplished at the Whiteman
arts and crafts center to the 2005 Air
Force Gallery. Ms. Karen Gorden,
Manager of the arts and crafts center, was

notified April 20 that Mr. Seelinger's
panel was posted and is visible online at
the virtual museum
www.airforcegallery.com. Mr. Seelinger
was also presented an Arts and Crafts
Center Gallery coin by Mr. Jim Anderson,
Community Support Flight Chief.

According to Ms. Gorden, Arts and
Crafts begins collecting submissions for
the 2006 Air Force Arts and Crafts
Showcase Aug. 1. Artwork in any form
(paintings, drawings, sculpture, stained
glass, photos, fabric arts, etc.) may be
submitted through Oct. 31, at which time
the submissions are electronically for-
warded to the MAJCOM for inclusion in
the 2006 virtual on-line museum.

This is not a competition and anyone

with a Whiteman AFB ID may submit art-
work, as many as up to six original art
pieces and six photos per individual.

Please call the Arts and Crafts Center
at 660-687-5691 for further information.



Mr.
Seelinger
accepts the Arts
and Crafts
Center Gallery
coin from Mr.
Jim Anderson,
Community
Support Flight
Chief.

day at the teen center. Free for members.

Storytime

The last storytime before the summer
break takes place from 10 a.m. at the
library. Children ages 3- to 5-years-old can
listen to stories and make a craft. Free to
join in.

Thursday Scrapbook class

Learn new skills and create a beautiful
flag book using patterned papers and
embellishments. The class takes place 6-8
p.m. at arts and crafts and costs \$10 plus
supplies.

Advanced jewelry class

Jewelry makers who have taken both a
beginner and intermediate class can step
up their skills with an advanced class, 6-9
p.m. at arts and crafts. The cost is \$35 plus
supplies.

Club tech

Weekly teen center activity, 5-7 p.m. at
the teen center, participants learn web
design, newsletter layout and computer
languages. Free for teen center members.

Adult-youth bowling league

Four-person teams (two adult, two 18
years or younger) are invited to join in the
Wednesday nights summer bowling league
at the stars and strikes. The bowling starts
at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$24 per team per
week.

Available now...

Pool passes

Passes for the swimming pool are now
available from outdoor recreation.
Families can swim all season for \$50 and
individuals for \$20. Save \$5 when you
buy a pass before May 27 when the pool
opens. Call or stop by for details.

Coming soon...

Karaoke

Free karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. May 26 at
Mission's End.

Make a rock

Children aged 7-12 years old can

explore the wonderful of rocks and fash-
ion their own rock design, 2-3:30 p.m.
May 27 at the community center. The cost
is \$3 per person.

Movie Schedule

Take the Lead	PG-13
7 p.m. Friday, May 19	
Ice Age 2: The Meltdown	PG
3 p.m. Saturday, May 20	
Lucky Number Slevin	R
7 p.m. Saturday, May 20	
Ice Age 2: The Meltdown	PG
3 p.m. Sunday, May 21	

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110
Movies subject to change due to availability.

Baseball clinic with O.J. Rhone

Former Kansas City Royals player O.J.
Rhone will be teaching a half-day clinic
for 6-12 year olds, 9 a.m.-noon May 31.
Participants will work on improving their
baseball and softball skills and learn what
it takes to be a professional player both on
and off the field. The cost is \$20 for mem-
bers and \$25 for nonmembers, sign up
before May 26 to avoid \$10 late fee.

Bark in the Park

Have you ever wondered what exactly
the military working dogs do? Do you
have any questions about summer pet
care? Bring all of your questions and your
dog to the biggest Bark in the Park yet.
The Whitman military working dogs and
their handlers will be there to answer
questions and give an insight into the life
of a military working dog. The veterinary
clinic will be there to answer pet care
questions and give helpful advice on get-
ting your pet safely through summer. In
addition to these great guests there will
also be tons of fun to be had by all! Please
join us for the biggest Bark in the Park yet
1-4 p.m. June 3 at Skelton Park by the
lake. For more information please contact
the veterinary clinic or the community
center.

Summer reading program

Coming in June is the library's summer
reading program. This year's theme is
Claws, Paws, Scales and Tales for children
aged 0-12 years and Creature feature for

those 13-18 years old. Participants are
awarded points for books read or listened
to which they can put towards great prizes.



Family Child Care news

Returning home care

Military members returning from a 30
day or longer deployment are entitled to
16 hours of free child care for each child
12 years old and younger. The care is to
be used within the first month after return.
An application and a copy of orders must
be submitted to the family child care
office prior to participation. Call for
details.

Hours of operation changes

Outdoor recreation

Effective immediately outdoor recre-
ation will be open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. every
day and until 7 p.m. on Fridays.

Library - Effective May 30

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m

Squadron telephone directory Combat Support Flight

Fitness Center.....687-5496
Library.....687-5614
Ozark Inn.....687-5469
Touch & Go.....687-2700
Whiteman Inn.....687-1844

Community Support Flight

Arts and Crafts Center.....687-5691
Auto Hobby Shop.....687-5689
Bowling Center.....687-5114
Outdoor Recreation.....687-5565
Mission's End.....687-4422
Golf Course.....687-5572
Tickets and Travel.....687-5565
Veterinary Clinic.....687-2667

Family Member Support Flight

Child Development Center.....687-5588
Community Center.....687-5617
Family Child Care.....687-5590
Teen Center.....687-5819
Youth Center.....687-5586

Check out: www.whitemanservices.com
for facility information, events, and the Services Connection magazine.